

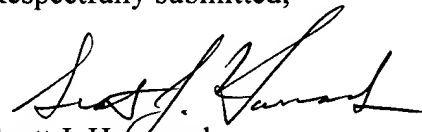
**REMARKS**

The Advisory Action dated March 19, 2003, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Applicants respectfully submit that a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) was filed on March 10, 2004, with a Submission under 37 CFR 1.114. Applicants submit herewith a copy of these filings and a date stamped postcard evidencing the same. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Submission under 37 CFR 1.114 mailed on March 10, 2004, be entered, the Advisory Action dated March 19, 2003 be withdrawn, and an office action on the merits be provided.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this response is respectfully requested.

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